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Joe Burns, The Stake Horse and Jim Rempe—Great in Dayton

THIS PICTURE HAD TO BE ON THE COVER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Old Tent Show Trick

Letter to the Editor:

For the Editors and hopefully the Billiard World, enclosed are the articles from two local (Miami) newspapers, the Miami News and the Miami Herald. They pretty well speak for themselves. It is bad that promoters like Joe Jansco is allowed to be associated with pocket billiards in order to further his own gains. It is no wonder this sport cannot get up momentum with people like Mr. J putting on Half.... tournaments like this. I was forfeited out of my chance to compete in the tournament by Joe Jansco because of an error in his operation, not because of my mistake. Losing the entry fee of \$125.00 doesn't bug me, I've lost that much by missing a dog, but this man took advantage of everyone connected with the tournament including the sponsors. I paid my money and did not have a shot and I would gladly pay the money again if unqualified flea circus promoters like Joe Jansco could be prevented from taking advantage of other players. I am hoping that this letter and the attached newspaper article will get somebody a better deal next time.

WILLIAM BAUSCH

To the Editors:

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With teaching in mind, I'd like to compliment you for having the Johnny Holiday column in each issue. It's been a good help to me.

Yours sincerely,
H. T. WHITE
Osceola, WI

Not Getting Older— Getting Better

Gentlemen,

As a member of the largest billiard club in a senior citizens complex in Florida and perhaps the U.S.A. I have been asked to inquire about obtaining a reel or reels of 16mm film containing any action related to pocket billiards, 3 cushion or Carom. We have over 120 dues paying members and run 2 tournaments a year. Let me say that our players can match up with the best in the sport and being old timers we are interested in perpetuating the interest in billiards and in our club.

Our billiard room has 28 pocket billiard tables plus 4 carom tables which are used 16 hours a day, free of charge to the residents, renters and/or their guests. We have access to a Bell and Howell 16mm machine and if you can advise me where I can obtain any reels of billiard oriented film to run off at our monthly meetings. We would appreciate this whether they be about old time greats like Greenleaf and Hoppe or contemporary players like Mosconi or Caras.

Gratefully yours,
Joe Hoffman

Lyndhurst A-17, Century Village

Deerfield Beach, Fla. 33441
Answer, We have available a film by Willie Mosconi called "Cue Tips". The use of this film is free, it is 16mm with sound and rather old. We do require a \$35.00 deposit and that you pay the UPS charges both ways. Caras and Mosconi will be glad that you refer to them as youngsters. It is great to hear of an organization like yours with that much billiard and pool activity. If the National Billiard News can be of any help please feel free to call upon us. We would like to know more about your club and its activities and I am sure that our readers feel the same. This is another of the pool activities that must be of national scope and the BCA knows nothing about.

We are sure that if the manufacturers of billiard equipment were aware of the existence of clubs and organizations of this type that they would publicize that fact heavily.

A Blob of Snobs or A Spiggot Full of Bigots

Sir,

While attending a meeting of the Iowa Retail Liquor and Beer Association in Clear Lake, Iowa a decision of the Attorney General of the state came to my attention and I thought that this should be passed on.

Attorney General, Richard Turner, came up with the landmark opinion that pool is not a game of skill and therefore a bar operator or billiard room operator wishing to put on a tournament must obtain a gambling license. Being of sound mind and an avid pool player I challenge that decision. I have followed the game for many years and I have two brothers who are better than average players. I know the many hours of practice it takes to acquire the "skills" of a professional pool player.

Not only is this a slam against the game and its professionals but it does not speak well of the average player and his or her desire to attain the ability to play well. This "opinion" would be a bad precedent for any other doubters of the skill involved in playing pool and could thwart the growing popularity of pocket billiards.

Karen Walker, Pastime Lounge,
Eagle Grove, Iowa

Editors note:

A ruling like this should be fought immediately by your organization. The political process works both ways and for every "pool snob" or "billiard bigot" there are three people who are fans of the game. Any one who says that pool is not a game of skill could be classified as the back end of plow horse. Your case would be easy to prove but you had best act quickly.

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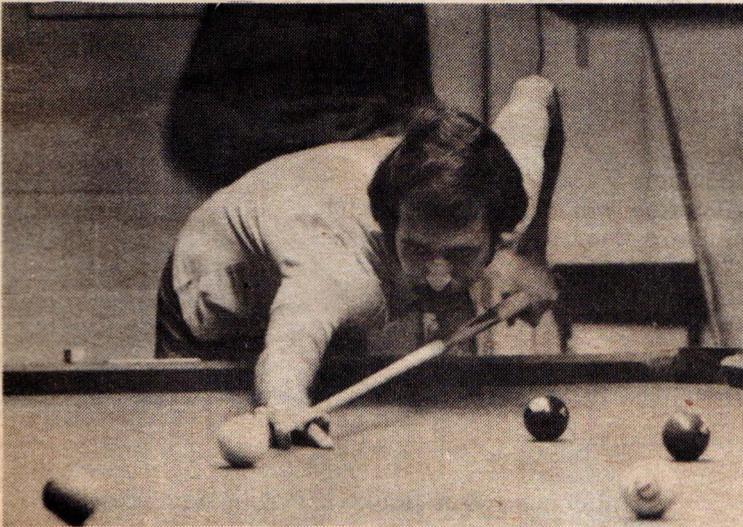
THE QUESTIONS THE SAME.

WHAT'S THE RETORT?

IS POOL A LUCKY GAME?

OR A SKILLFUL SPORT!

Sigel Wins 9-Ball



Mike Sigel, cue in hand, nine ball in pocket, money in bank

NBN Photo

Dayton Open Huge Success

Joe Burns and pool are alive and well and are residing in Dayton, Ohio. Coming out of a virtual retirement, Burns corralled Jim Rempe to run the show from April 29th thru May 14th. The Dayton National Championship pitted the best of the eight ballers against each other with an equally tough field for the nine ball division. **Jim Mataya** scored a victory in the 8-ball division while **Mike Sigel** gathered in the bread for a win in the yellow striped event.

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Mataya Wins 8-Ball



Jim Mataya on the far right asking referee "How many kinds of rules are there for eight ball"

NBN Photo

England Wins ISL Annual Snookertime in London

The third annual International Snooker League tournament was an unforgettable week.

Most of the teams arrived on Thursday in order to see the sights and to practice prior to the start of competition on the following Monday. Everyone had been practicing in their home countries for weeks in preparation for the event. After a first session on the practice tables, several things were apparent: the tables were exceptionally fast, due to the heavy wool cloth which was ironed daily; the super chrysolite balls were very heavy, in comparison to other balls; and the cue ball could not be controlled with the American & Canadian cue sticks. This last point was not completely clear until the first exhibition. What was known was that we could not draw the cue ball or make it follow accurately. The light finally began to shine Monday evening when we were treated to an exhibition by two of England's youngest stars, Tony Meo and Jimmy White. When we saw them perform we felt like we should be on the next plane home. It's so easy you see, shoot the red in the corner and draw back ten feet for position on the yellow. Don't worry about a soft shot, fire it in the length of the table and

stop it dead for position on the black. It had to be in the cues.

The following day a mad scramble ensued for some of the English brass furred cues. These cues are made of one piece of straight grain ash with all the weights in the butt. Even the taper is different: Much less gradual than our American-made cues. Four inches from the tip the taper increases quickly down to the 8 to 10 millimeter tip.

Tom Kollins couldn't seem to find one to suit him and was informed by Irish Amateur Champ Pasqual Burke that "He was going at it all wrong, he shouldn't look at new cues." "Go to a pool room and play with several of the rock cues," He said, "When you find one that feels good, give the room owner \$1.50 and take it with you." Our American cue makers would love it; they would starve to death over there.

Meanwhile the social whirl continued with parties at Noel Miller-Chevers home. Everyone met at the Eccentric Club and were taken by chartered bus to the Chevers lovely country home north of London, complete with its full size indoor pool. The pool, Noel thought he really enjoyed, that is until a few friends gave him the old

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Hopkins Hosts Clash of Champs

Lisciotti Jolts Jennings

By Milt Goldring

Two proven champions squared off in a 1,000 point straight pool match at Hopkins Billiards, 100 Route 22, Greenbrook, N.J., in what was billed as a "\$10,000 winner take all" battle. In one corner sat Larry Lisciotti, winner of the 1976 P.P.P.A. sanctioned World Championship. In the other corner Tom Jennings, champion of the 1976 B.C.A. sanctioned U.S. Open. The contest, 5 blocks of 200 points, the winner the first to reach the 1000th point.

After getting their instructions from the Referee, the renown A. M. "Red" Jones, the festivities started on June 8th, 1977 before a packed house. In attendance could be seen such notables as Jim Rempe, World's "9" Ball Champion, Jack Colavita, ranking U.S. player, Paul Luchesi, B.C.A. President, local Councilman Robert Morgan, Steve Mizerak, Sr., Dan Gartner, Ernie Costa and Joe Frady.

Jennings after two blocks was leading by a short margin but steady play by Lisciotti, featured by a run of 85, overtook Jennings and

going into the final block, led by a score of 800-693. Jennings up to this point had a high run of 69.

The final block produced a very dramatic situation — the score was Lisciotti 874, Jennings 713 with Lisciotti at the table. Rack after rack, with perfect position play, the balls rolled into the pockets in machine-like precision and Lisciotti was on his way and after Red Jones said "125 needing one for game," Lisciotti missed and down he sat at 999. Jennings valiantly came back with a run of 57 but finally missed and Lisciotti made the last point to close out the match.

This challenge match, and by the way there is talk of a rematch to be held in Virginia or Connecticut, proved with the great crowds it attracted, that the public wants to see the best.

The check of \$10,000 was presented to Larry Lisciotti by the owner's of this fine room, namely John Ogonowski, Tom Wood and Allan Hopkins, the very same Hopkins who in his own right holds the N.J. Championship title (3 times), N.Y. Championship and is the holder of the highest inning

average made in a 1000 point match against Luther Lassiter.

The ownership is to be congratulated, for in a short span of 1½ years they have put on numerous P.P.P.A. qualifiers, semi-pro 9 Ball Tournaments, Mon. nite "9 on the Break" Tournaments, exhibition by Minnesota Fats on June 4th, 1977 to a standing room only crowd and are arranging women qualifiers for the P.P.P.A. and B.C.A. in the near future.

After play was over our correspondent in an interview with Tom Jennings, received some startling information. It seems that in order to play in the coming P.P.P.A. World Tournament to be held in Aug., 1977 300.00 entry fee, \$100.00 initiation fee and \$300.00 penalty fee, a total sum of \$700.00. This certainly sounds discriminatory and puts other players as well into a very unfortunate position.

Regardless of what affiliation a player may have, be it P.P.P.A. or B.C.A., no one should be denied a right to play in a tournament with such monetary penalties. It's against all principles of fair play and this type of hassling should be stopped immediately.

Nick Page Has BCA Winner

Spencer Has A Date in Dayton

By Bruce Venzke

One thing about pocket billiards that distinguishes it from baseball, football and hockey is that there are no ties (there may be other things, too!!). It's sudden death all the way — no certain 9 innings, 60 sure minutes, or the ball out of bounds after your opponent scores. You might get 60 innings, or maybe none at all.

But when Tom Spencer and Nick Varner squared off in the finals of Marie's Golden Cue U.S. Open Qualifier in Chicago on June 12, it was like a 7th game triple-over-time for the NBA title.

The were no super long runs, and the game was well over 2½ hours in length. But Marie's chief Nick Page couldn't have planned a more thrilling ending for his kick-off in the BCA's line-up of qualifiers for the 12th Annual U.S. Open in Dayton in September.

The usual full field responded to the energetic Page's reputation as a premier promoter, and it was split into two double elimination 16-man brackets.

Varner, a young past ACU-I champ, has developed into a very smooth and very respected player. He drew into the "A" bracket in company with such seasoned veterans as Leon Ledford, Willie Munson, Marshall Boelter, Shirley Cloyd, Tom Kollins, Bob Vanover, and his first round foe, Wendell Weir.

The handwriting was partially on the wall immediately as Varner posted the tournament's biggest rout (over Weir), a 125-9 triumph that was staked by Nick's runof 81.

He followed that with wins over Chicagoan Matt Fudacz (125-55), and the dangerous Texan, Vanover (125-49), running 69 in the latter match. That brought him together with George Michaels, who had dumped Ledford, Munson and Cloyd in succession. Michaels couldn't stop him either, though, and Varner

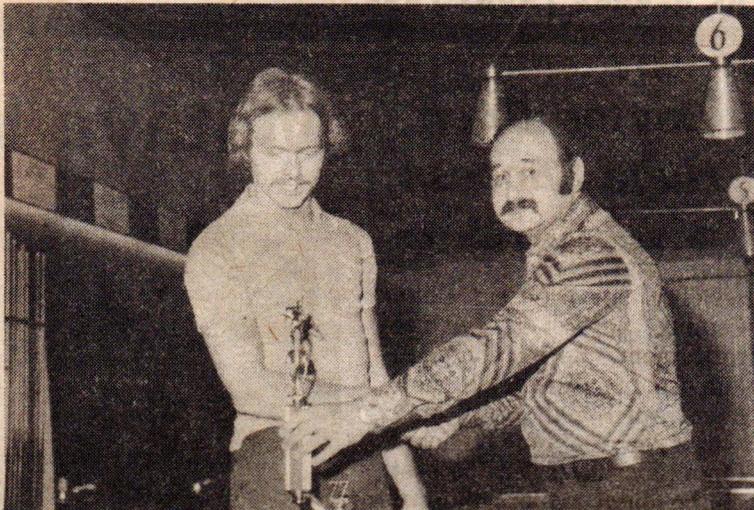


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The smile and the check for winner Tom Spencer with luck from Nick Page.

was the "A" bracket "winner's winner," having to lose twice to the loser's side challenger to not be in the finals.

That challenge came from none other than the dogged Weir, who had rebounded from the first round loss to Varner by beating in succession: Ray Dooley (running 81), Jeff Mohl, Dave Charrette, Cloyd, Boelter (despite Marshall's 60 off the break), and Michaels. None of the six had been able to break 100 against him, and sure enough, he was now back at Varner for some more.

However, the soft-spoken Southern gentleman had the end of a long day and tournament in store for Weir, as this time he socked a 71 and rode it out to a 125-33 win. So Weir was finally out and Varner was in the championship match.

Meanwhile, Spencer was doing virtually as well in Bracket "B", opening with a 125-56 win over Larry Sullivan. That brought him to Paul Hartmann, who had stunned Lansing's Mark Bellfuss 125-100. But Spencer did exactly the same to Hartmann, and then crushed Ryan Elliott 125-58.

Bob Schneider was next in the winner's side "driver's seat" game, and Tom was ready as he popped an 84 on the way to a 125-26 victory. Schneider then won the

right to challenge again by defeating Elliott in the loser's side final, 125-92, despite a rocky start. But needing to beat Spencer twice was twice too often on this day, and Spencer continued into the finals unbeaten by dropping Schneider 125-60.

The finals were set for 9:00 P.M., and at 8:59 a pleased Nick Page wished them both luck and referee Paul Hartmann got it underway.

Varner broke and Spencer immediately opted for a combo from the front of the rack and missed. But Nick got only a rack, and after safeties Spencer did the same. Then Nick got a start and ran about three racks before missing a table-length 10-ball in the corner.

But Tom was not managing as sharply as usual at this point, and again fought his way through just one rack before another safety battle ensued. Then with both on two scratches, Spencer shot a tough and dangerous (many said reckless) cut on the 14-ball, and scratched in the side pocket on the overcut. After the deduction and re-break for 3-in-a-row, it was 65-12 Varner.

But shades of Wimpy, the break was quite good, and Varner missed a long, slow spin shot in the corner. Tom got back his penalty and then some, and the battle was on.

Neither could deliver anything decisive, and during the course of it, Tom was creeping steadily back — things had seemed to turn his way a bit.

PUHKA SEZ:

To the Billiard Room Proprietors:

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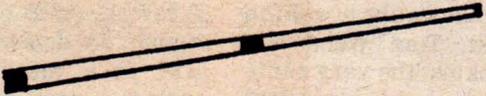
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VENZKE'S VIEW from the bleachers

While pocket billiard players go begging for a few scraps of prize money, the fat cats splash-splash it away in incredible amounts. Consider these expenditures:

Cartier's of New York City stocks (and sells!) personal stationery that costs **\$38,400.00 per ream** (480 sheets). However, I guess you can buy it in 100-sheet packets, so you only have to spend \$8000.00 to jot off a few after-Christmas thank you notes. (And yes, envelopes are included.)

If you care enough to send that very best paper, you should really have the pair of pens (ballpoint and fiberpoint) available from Alfred Dunhill, Ltd., in London. They go for **\$23,000.00**. (Can I borrow your pen for a second?)

However, without using Dunhill's pens or Cartier's paper, a man named Button Gwinnet wrote a letter that is today worth about **\$250,000.00**. (He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia.) (Keep copies of all your correspondence — you never know.)

Speaking of Independence (Day), one of the great Bicentennial Hooplas we all hear big things about was the world's largest flag. It was to be on display on July 3, 1976, on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in New York. It was roughly 195 by 365 feet (well over 1.5 acres) in size. We can be glad that the makers of it aren't into skyscrapers, though, since the flag was test-flown a few days before the holiday, and was torn apart by the wind after just a few hours. (What did it cost? I don't know — you take a guess; I'm sure you'll be low.)

I do know what was spent on the largest curtain ever built. This was a four-ton, 185 by 1350 foot red-orange number that was suspended across Rifle Gap in Colorado in 1971. It lasted all of 27 hours before the wind destroyed it. (Oh, yes, the cost. A trifling **\$750,000.00**.) (Literally pithed away in the wind, I might add.)

Money, money, everywhere... but not a drop for pocket billiards. What is it that the BCA, the players, the industry, is doing wrong?

People are spending \$80 for a sheet of writing paper,



Bruce Venzke

\$11,500 for a felt-tip pen, and \$750,000 for a curtain to hang across a gully for 27 hours. Yet the nation's 6th largest participant sport (close to 33,000,000 players) can't get it's act together well enough to have any kind of comprehensive program involving even 1-100th of 1 percent of those who play the game. Where's the \$\$\$ for billiards??

Someone pointed out to me (it was probably Mike Geiger, but I'm not sure) that if we could, in one way or another, get 2½ cents from everyone who plays pocket billiards, we would instantly have more money than has been won by players in all the history of the sport.

The logical extension of that is to see that if we could get 5 cents from ½ of those who play... or 10 cents from ¼... or \$1.00 from 1-40th... or \$2.00 from 1-80th... or \$2.50 from 1-100th — now you can see that you're into an area where reality may have some grasp.

\$2.50 is not a lot of money, and 1 contributing player out of 100 is not an entirely unrealistic goal. And that would produce gross income of \$825,000. The BCA's total projected budget (November, 1976) including a \$20,000 1977 U.S. Open was about ¼th of that. So if only 1 out of every 400 players produced \$2.50 for the BCA, the gross income would more than double. So, you might well ask, why isn't there some program that can involve such a small percentage of the sport's populace to the extent that they each contribute such a small amount of money?

You'll have to get your answer from the BCA — if it has one. Or the players — if they have one. Or the industry leaders — if they have one. I'd love to hear the answers. And while we're asking questions, I think we desperately need answers to these, about the BCA:

- Why doesn't the BCA throw out the politics and personalities, install a sensible tiered "flat" membership fee schedule, and become a broad-based and broadly supported democratic body?

- Why doesn't the BCA abandon the NSGA administration arrangement, and run itself, with a full time director and assistant whose salaries (and futures) are tied to growth of the sport and the BCA, and whose sole aims are the success of both? (I realize that NSGA has been good to the BCA, and that the administration fee is a bargain per se; the problem is that it is inappropriate to the BCA's needs, and such a "bargain" is no bargain at all.)

- Why does the "supreme governing body" of a sport stop recognizing and sanctioning tournaments in that sport? (Especially since those listings of tournaments and winners undoubtedly accounted for a great many of the rulebooks that were sold... and that means profit.)

- Why doesn't the BCA abandon the elitist attitude and tell people what's going on? During and after the split of the PPPA players. I implored both Bob Goodwin and later Paul Lucchessi to come out with all the pertinent political and financial facts that forced the Open prize fund cutback; Mr.

Goodwin said that they were planning to, while Mr. Lucchessi promised to do exactly that. I, along with everyone else, am still waiting. And the splits in the ranks, were widened by rumor, speculation, and lack of information, continue to fester and worsen.

- How can a not-for-profit corporation, presumably devoted to (or at least passably interested in) the promotion of the sport that supports the industries of it's members, show a 1976 profit of \$48,924 (putting it \$20,000 in the black), while also showing a total non-U.S. Open public relations-promotion expense of \$163.00 for the year?

- What happened to the 'BCA Break' — one of the few items of visible proof that the BCA was still in existence — during the last tumultuous year?

And there are many questions that could very rightly be asked by persons higher placed in the industries that would be more crucial and penetrating. Until such persons ask them, I'd be happy for answers to just those few above.

This is not meant to be a BCA Baiter column. I have not been that, and I am not that now. I do not criticize BCA people here so much as basic structure, purpose and method. (As that extends to individuals, I do criticize.)

The BCA must re-structure to viably include and involve all segments of the vast industries it entails. The small group of dedicated BCA members who've supported it through all the years cannot sustain any longer the effort and expense necessary if the BCA is to meet today's challenges and demands. Nor can the methods and thinking of the past (with it's part-time expenditure of time) achieve the goal of a BCA that reaches it's potential as a truly governing body of a great sport of 33,000,000 people.

The BCA needs change — dearly. Whether the powers that pull the strings will initiate it for the good (and possibly survival) of the sport remains to be seen. If they're wise, they will, since their futures lie with billiards' success. What futures do they have without billiards? None.

At least I hope they don't. Because more than anything else, the BCA needs to be governed, controlled and administered by people whose futures do depend on the future of billiards; by people who care.

That's the wistful and wishful view from the bleachers for this month. Come on up again in August as we prepare to watch the PPPA's best go at it in Asbury Park... I'll save you a seat on the boards on the Boardwalk.

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Burns Family Hosts 9-Ballers

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The Dayton tourney faced disaster almost at birth with the conflicting show scheduled by Joe Jansco in Miami. Without consulting anyone, Jansco printed his ads and promo material and scheduled conflicting dates for his Miami pool circus. Burns had already published ads and other materials for the promotion of the Dayton tourney so the results were

Cook, Billy Johnson and-or Wade Crane Cannonball, Mataya, Larry Lisciotti, Doc Brienza, Steve Gumphrey and Tom Spencer there was no shortage of talent.

As is the usual custom the player camaraderie was evident. Nobody, and that means nobody, stepped out of line except the horse. Tournament promoters Rempe and Burns put on a great show. On the opening Sunday Jim Rempe arrived

With the field that we outlined to you, dear reader, you might well imagine that the competition was fierce. To break up the tension, Burns showed up for a game with "Cornbread Red" dressed in a blanket and led by his daughters carrying cue stick cases. But too little and too late, old Billy Joe "Red" disposed of Ohio Joe Burns in short order. Of course, Red partook of some "good old" corn bread made special for the All American Boy by Mrs. Burns.

Speaking of food, the Burns girls did their usual fine job of preparing the food to keep the players and the fans full of good home cooking. The food preparation for the Burns tournament is a project, "Project Belly filler", with hundreds of cakes, pies, turkeys and yams prepared long before break time and frozen along with all of the vats of potato salad, Egg salad, Baked Beans, Tuna Fish, and Bar-B-Q. The spread of food that is laid before the players and eyeballers at Dayton alone will make this an event to remember.

Speaking of home cooking, tournament promoter Jim Rempe made an excellent showing by placing third in both divisions. A tough task to run a contest like this, keep the players happy, the fans entertained and still maintain enough concentration to play good pool. Mike Sigel won the 9 Ball and finished number 2

in 8-Ball. Sigel was the big money winner but good news for the Mataya watchers was Gentleman Jim's win in the eight ball division. Always a threat, Jim Mataya is making his presence known after a long lay-off from tournament pool.

Plans are already made for a "Tournament of Champions" in October and like all of Joe Burns' presentations it will be another winner. At the next tournament there should be a side contest for eating all that good stuff that the Burns family prepares and then the staff of NBN will show their true colors.

It will be Dayton in September for the BCA qualifier, the BCA Eight Ball Nationals and the U.S. Open and then the players shall return for another major event in October. Dayton may be the pool town of the year.

PPPA REMINDER

Asbury in August

With \$50,000 in prize money, the 1977 World Open Pocket Billiards Championship will be held at Convention Hall in Asbury Park, N.J. from August 8 through 14.

Ray Martin, president, and Peter Margo, secretary of the Professional Pool Players Association, announced the amount of prize money. The PPPA is sponsoring the tournament. Both Mr. Martin and Mr. Margo are past champions themselves.

Other participants include such "name" players as Steve Mizerack, Irving Crane, and Luther Lassiter.

Also scheduled to take part in the championship matches is Californian Lee Boyar, one of the nation's top women players.



two rescheduled tournaments. It was expected that both would have weaker fields but Burns-Dayton came up with a full 32 man field in both divisions. With players like Bill Stigall, Billy Joe Burge, Mike Sigel, Larry Hubbard, Rempe, Jersey Red, Boston Shorty, Jimmy Reid, Louis Roberts, Dan Louie, Ronnie Allen, Steve

through the front doors aboard the Stake Horse (see cover photo) with money flowing from the saddle bags. NBN has covered a lot of pool contests but this is the first time we had ever had the pleasure of seeing a stake horse surrounded by so many eager players. The reaction to the horse was worth the trip to Dayton.

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An action picture snapped at Joe Burn's Dayton Open. The consensus of opinion at NBN is that this photo tells the "Action" story.

From left — Billy Joe Burge, shooter is Jimmy Reid.

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by
Bob Mullen

years. The ABA is so structured that the rules in this set can be amended, deleted, and improved upon as time sees fit. I congratulate the ABA, Gale Johnson, and Leo Walch for seeing an almost impossible task and doing it.

What's Happening

The National Billiard News wishes to thank Milt Goldring, our eastern rep for his coverage of billiard activity in his area. The Billiard brethren of the East recognize Milt on sight now. We told him we were going to make him a star. Goldring is a player himself and has been instrumental in promoting the two U.S. Opens that have been held at Mike Asch's Hi-Cue in Elizabeth, N.J. The NBN is fortunate to have Milt Goldring as a key member of its staff.

Speaking of Mike Asch and Hi-Cue, the ABA tells us that Mike is going to have 4 to 5 three cushion tourneys to provide an opportunity for more players from that area to qualify for the ABA Classic.

ABA's Leo Walch in cooperation with Gale Johnson has finally come up with a finalization of the rules for playing the game. This has been a long and tedious labor of love for Leo but the job is done. Many suggestions were accepted from the membership and all others were given due consideration as a guide for the entire group and for better play. Not everyone can be satisfied with all of the rules, all of the time but this is the first definitive "Official Rules" that billiards has had in the last 80

With all of his other responsibilities Leo Walch still found time to do a write up for NBN on the Chicago Open held in Bob Reis' new billiard room. Local player, Phil Roda was responsible in part for the instigation of local TV coverage. The fact that Loni Brandes was in the finals helped with the decision on the part of TV. The charming and winsome Loni is the pride of ABA and when ever she triumphs in a match there is always joy in Mudville. I would have given up a cinch ticky tick to have seen her come in with wins over the charming and not so winsome Bob Letherby, Ashby and the ever so lovely "Hawk". Knowing the type of individual that makes up the ABA most of the players present had given Loni tips on the games and they all felt a sense of pride in this showing in the Chicago Open. Loni's high run was a nine but she also put a couple of fours back to back on

Next month the NBN will publish the new official rules of ABA but as for now all of the 3 cushion bugs out there can get a copy direct from ABA by joining the organization. If you can attribute some of the pleasures of your life to the game of three cushion then now is the time to pay some dues.

Carlos Hallon Wins 3-Rail NY State Open

By Milt Goldring

Another stop was added on the A.B.A. Three Cushion Billiard circuit when on May 21-22, 1977, twelve players battled for the N.Y. State Open Championship at the spacious and well equipped room known as King and Queen Billiards, 40-33 Main St., Flushing, N.Y.

Drawings for the two preliminary flights of six took place at 11 A.M. Saturday and when play started the field was divided thusly:

Flight A. included Jimmy Catrano, Herb Lieberman, Chris Bartzos, Vince Sbarbati, Gerry Mastellone, all from N.Y. and Jose Diaz of Chicago, Ill.

Flight B. listed from N.Y. Carmine Biancanello, Juan Rosenfried, Tom D'Amato, Abel Calderon and from Mass., Dick Reid (Mr. "decorum"), and Carlos Hallon.

Games went to 35 points and two from each flight were to qualify for a round robin between 4 players with games going to 50 points.

From one flight came Jimmy Catrano (5-0) and Chris Bartzos (4-1) with Diaz giving an excellent account of himself losing to Catrano 35-34 and getting 33 and 32 points in his other losses. The other flight produced a three way tie in wins and losses between Calderone (4-1), Reid (4-1) and Hallon (4-1) but as points decided, Reid was eliminated.

The final round robin found Hallon and Catrano tied at 2 wins and 1 loss and one of the most dramatic playoffs that was ever witnessed showed Catrano leading Hallon 24-7 in 21 innings, being caught in 50 innings at 44 and finally succumbing to Hallon 50-47.

Trophies and prize money was distributed to:

1. Carlos Hallon — \$300.00
 2. Jimmy Catrano — \$150.00
 3. Abel Calderon — \$100.00
 4. Chris Bartzos — \$ 25.00
- Calderon had high run of 8 and received \$25.00.

The tournament, ably directed by Abe Rosen, was enthusiastically received by an applauding crowd and plaudits to Joe Angelo, the gracious owner, who bent over backwards to make this an outstanding tournament.

Loni Brandes Shines— George Ashby Tops Chicago

By Leo Walch

A new Billiard Parlor opened in May at 4637 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, known as Bob's Billiards, owned and operated by Bob Ries.

The Chicago Open 3-cushion billiard tournament was held there on June 11th and 12th. The players found a beautiful new room on the second floor containing 14 pool tables, 4 billiard tables and 2 snooker tables. The room is fully carpeted and freshly painted. The four billiard tables take up one side of the room, separated from the pool tables by several columns. As spectators come in they can see the action on the four billiard tables at a glance and can clearly see the markers back of each table showing the status of the game. All in all it is a spacious, well arranged lay-out. We extend our congratulations to Bob and hope his venture will be successful.

20 players signed up for the event at a \$50.00 entry fee, arranged in four flights of five as follows:

Flight A: 1. Ashby, 2. Letherby, 3. Roda, 4. Brandes, 5. Hudkins.

Flight B: 1. Hawkins, 2. Phillips, 3. Martin, 4. Chernin, 5. Lane.

Flight C: 1. Campos, 2. Ameen, 3. Papp, 4. Presto, 5. Donnelly, Jr.

Flight D: 1. Donnelly, Sr. 2. Sims, 3. Smith, 4. Diaz, 5. Henderson.

The preliminaries were 30 point games and the finals were 40 point games.

This tournament will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to see it for the remarkable performance by Loni Brandes, not because she is a woman but because of the high quality of billiards she displayed, her surprising victories over the best players on the tournament circuit and the fighting spirit she maintained throughout the tournament.

In her first match in the preliminaries Loni lost to Phil Roda 30 to 25. In her second match she defeated Mike Hudkins 30 to 23. In her third match she foreshadowed what was coming. She defeated Bob Letherby 30 to 21. In this game she had a run of 9. She topped this in her fourth match by defeating George Ashby 30 to 28. This gave her 3 wins and 1 loss and assured her a spot in the finals.

Ashby's loss to Loni

Brandes was his only defeat and he also went into the finals on his performance of 3 wins and 1 loss. Letherby with 2 and 2, Roda with 2 and 2 and Hudkins with 0 and 4 were eliminated.

In Flight B Hawkins won all four matches, defeating Phillips, Martin, Chernin and Lane, to advance to the finals, and Martin, losing only to Hawkins, also advanced to the finals on his record of 3 and 1. Phillips with 1-3, Chernin with 1-3 and Lane with 0-4 were eliminated.

In Flight C, Campos with 3-1 and Ameen with 3-1 advanced to the finals and Papp with 2-2, Presto with 2-2 and Mike Donnelly, Jr. with 0-4 were eliminated.

In Flight D Mike Donnelly Sr. with 4-0 and Mehrl Smith with 3-1 advanced to the finals and Sims with 1-3, Diaz with 2-2 and Henderson with 0-4 were eliminated.

This set the stage with Ashby, Campos, Martin, Donnelly Sr., Hawkins, Ameen, Brandes and Smith as the participants in the 8-man Round Robin finals which started at 10 A.M. Sunday.

In the very first round of the finals Loni Brandes started the fireworks by defeating The Hawk 40 to 24. Think that one over a minute — 40 to 24 against The Hawk.

In the second round Martin beat Loni 40 to 37. The third round provided the climax of the tournament. Bob Ries contacted CBS Channel 2 and gave them such a good sales talk that they agreed to send a TV camera crew to the tournament and they agreed to show some of the footage on the 5 p.m. news. What followed couldn't have been better arranged if it had been planned out for a week. The TV crew arrived about 2:45 p.m. Loni Brandes and Luis Campos were on table 3 and were both over 35 points. By the time the camera focused on their game the score was Loni 39, Campos 38. The camera filmed Campos as he made it 39-39. Then came the climax, the camera stayed right on Loni as she sized up her shot and as she completed her 40th billiard, caught her slumping over the table in sheer relief, showed her straightening up and giving everybody that beautiful smile of hers, and caught Luis Campos impulsively hugging her and giving her a big kiss.

At this point Brandes was tied for first place with

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Olla Wins 1st Wisconsin

Chuck Olla of Milwaukee free-stroked his way to his first Nineball championship June 5th in the Billiard Congress of Wisconsin's first qualifying tournament for its 1978 State Nineball Championships.

The first of ten monthly qualifiers, this inaugural event drew a full field of 24 Wisconsin shooters to Romine's High Pockets in Milwaukee, one of the state's most active tournament rooms.

The qualifying tour awards points to all competitors on the basis of finish position, and after each of the 10 participating BCW rooms hosts a qualifier, the top 16 players in points-earned will take part in the \$2,250.00 State Nineball Championships in April of 1978.

The tour is a new program, developed and co-sponsored by the BCW and West Allis Pool & Supply, a suburban Milwaukee billiard supplier. And this first tour stop got the program under way admirably.

There were four round-robin preliminary brackets of six players, playing best 8-of-15 matches. The top two from each bracket were finalists, and advanced to a single elimination chart for the 8-man finals.

Olla shot very consistently throughout the entire day, and there wasn't a single knowledgeable buff who could deny that he deserved the victory.

And as it was deserved, so was it hard-earned. Olla and Edgar Mathis ('75 Wis. 14.1 Champion) emerged from prelim bracket No. 1 with 4-1 records. Olla took his only loss from Mathis by 5-8, while Eddie fell only to Mark "Deadly" Wilson (Madison) by a 6-8 score.

The No. 2 bracket produced Jack Spoerl (Madison) and Willie Munson for the finals, but only after Munson defeated another Madisonian, Jim Fitzpatrick 5-1 in a playoff. All three had tied with 4-1 records; Spoerl advanced automatically on game-count, leaving Munson and Fitzpatrick to battle for the other finals' slot.

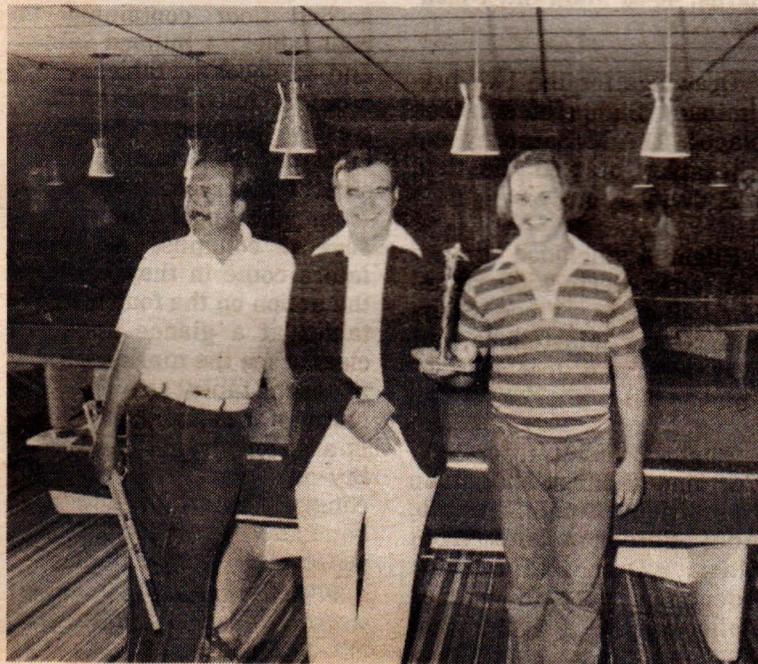
The same situation prevailed in bracket No. 3, with Wisconsin 14.1 Champion George Pawelski, '76 14.1 Champ Randy LaMar, and Craig Powers giving each other a loss apiece. Here Pawelski of Racine got the first finals' spot, and LaMar grabbed the other one by beating the up and coming Powers by a 5-2 margin in their playoff match.

Bracket No. 4 was the property of Luis Rodriguez and John Brannon (current titlist of Milwaukee TV's "Championship Billiards"), who both posted 4-1 marks without really being pushed very hard at all.

In the finals' first round, though, both Rodriguez and Brannon met their ends, as Pawelski blasted Rodriguez 11-3, and Brannon extended

Munson meanwhile had derailed LaMar by an 11-4 tally in their 1st round match, only to meet the very strong Pawelski in the second. Willie described George's game afterwards: "He broke and went out, broke and went out, broke and went out..."

Munson played well and took the lead at 6-2, but Pawelski then took complete control and shut out Willie



Left to right—runner-up George Pawelski, Bill Finney, sponsor representative Allis Pool & Supply and winner Chuck Olla. Photo by Sailor of Racine

Olla all the way to a 10-10 count before Olla took the deciding rack.

That put Olla against Spoerl (who had defeated a very tired Eddie Mathis 11-7 in the 1st round), and in another pressure-packed 10-10 match, Olla again got the winning game.

entirely to win 11-6.

But you can't patent that kind of shooting, and in the championship match it was underdog Olla who showed how it should be done.

He was faultless until he got an 8-3 lead. Then he tem-

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Kentucky Victors in 3-Rail



Left to right—Ted Davis, Jeff Bradley, Wi Wat, Ray Guffey and University of Kentucky billiard coach Jim Heath.

By Ken Snyder

Lexington, KY—

Intercollegiate three-rail billiards experienced a revival in the South this year and nowhere was this more apparent than at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

In their first season the Wildcats won all four of their matches, including two over Georgia Tech, winner of ACU-I Region 6 collegiate play.

Coached by Jim Heath, U.K. alumnus who supervises the gameroom at the university's student center and who teaches billiards at the center, the 'Cats walloped Coach Lewie Little's Vanderbilt team, also in their rookie season, in home and away matches and outlasted the billiard-wise Georgia Tech outfit in Lexington and

Atlanta.

Under Heath's guidance and with the aid of veteran Lexington three-railer Toby Kavanaugh U.K. scored an easy 18-7 win over Vandy back in October and notched another easy 12-4 win on the Commodore's home felt in Nashville in March of this year before squaring off with Tech's four-man outfit in May.

With two of Tech's regulars not making the trip to the Bluegrass, U.K. scored a surprisingly easy 12-4 win, outscoring the Engineers 292-228 in 20-point games.

The U.K. team journeyed to Atlanta in April for the return match with the revenge-minded Engineers. When the smoke cleared after 10 hours of billiards the 'Cats had earned a second victory over

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Gerry Titcomb to Dayton

By F. A. Fortune

Can you fill in the blanks? of Cincinnati, Ohio, won the Marie's Golden Cue Women's U.S. Open Qualifier on June 11 in Chicago, and will participate in a record 11th consecutive U.S. Open in Dayton in September.

If you couldn't supply the correct name, **Geraldine Titcomb**, you sure haven't been following women's pocket billiards very long. The personable Mrs. Titcomb has been one of the sport's top performers since the Open women's division began in 1967 (and the only player to be in all ten Opens).

Laboring in the shadow of first **Dorothy Wise** and then **Jean Balukas** in the Opens, Gerry is certainly well known to the other gals on the circuit. She is one tough competitor, and were it not for Wise and Balukas, she'd certainly have a batch of Open championship trophies on her mantle by now.

Another gal who will attest to the difficulty in delivering a knockout punch to Gerry is **Julie Bentz** of Madison, Wisconsin, the current ACU-I women's champion.

At Marie's, she and Gerry charted a collision course from the top and bottom of the 16-player double elimination board, as they both posted three straight wins to reach the winner's side final match.

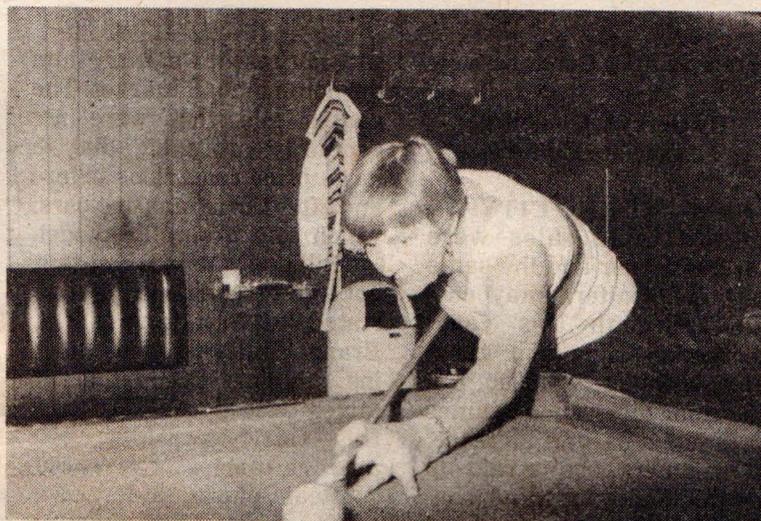


Photo by Ed Laube

Shirley Caine, one of the ladies who made the field of U.S. Open qualifier.

Bentz, oddly enough, played three fellow Wisconsinites; first pounding **Toren Twaite** 75-18, following with a 75-40 win over her friend and neighbor "**Diamond Kath**" **Collard**, and then a 75-50 defeat of Milwaukee's **Missy Rice**.

Titcomb was pressed only slightly harder as she rolled over **Carol Hoffman** (75-15), **Sandy Ledford** (75-52), and **Vicki Frechen** (75-64).

So whoever would win the Titcomb-Bentz match would have to lose two straight to the loser's side challenger to be denied, while the championship would be hers with just one win.

Bentz jumped right into that favored spot, as she showed her ACU-I title to be no fluke, posting a 75-62 win over the favored Titcomb.

So Bentz then waited while Titcomb took on the winner of the Frechen-Rice loser's side match; that would be for the right to play Bentz for the title. Frechen had defeated Rice 75-55, and then Titcomb turned back Frechen easily, 75-36.

So it was again Titcomb-Bentz, and it was a tough battle, with Bentz coming back several times from deficits. But just past the half-way point, the experience of 10 Opens and thousands of matches prevailed, as Bentz scratched 3-in-a-row to lose 18 points. That gave Gerry a lift that you could see as she took the table to shoot.

But still Bentz refused to fold, and she fought back again. But it was just too much, and with Gerry sensing blood, and responding accordingly, the game ended with a narrow Titcomb victory, 75-67.

That seemed to give Gerry even more renewed zip, and in the final re-match for the championship and Open berth, she dominated, winning it all by 75-45.

So for the 11th straight year, the Open will be graced with a fine person, player and competitor in Gerry Titcomb.

Marie's czar **Nick Page** gave us this order of finish and prize money for the top eight in the field:

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Gerry Titcomb | \$250 |
| 2. Julie Bentz | 125 |
| 3. Frechen (HR in: 22) | 100 |
| 4. Melissa Rice | --- |
| 5. Sandy Ledford | --- |
| 6. Shirley Caine | --- |
| 7. Collard (HR out: 22) | 25 |
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Pool Tourney Leaves Everyone Behind the?

William Tucker
Miami News
Reporter

The Miami Open Pool Tournament didn't get much advance publicity. Perhaps it's just as well because any fans who attended the scheduled opening night May 22 would have been disappointed.

The contest didn't open until the next night, May 23, because of a rhubarb over escrow money to be put up by the tournament manager with the Holiday Inn at Calder Race Track.

Holiday Inn was the host — of sorts — for the event held in a tent in back of the motel, so close to the far turn of the race track that a horse running wide might have deposited its jockey on a pool table.

Three entries in the pool tournament forfeited their \$250 entry fee because, said tournament manager Joe Jansco, they didn't show up on time for scheduled matches.

But one, Bill Bausch of 1390 SW 99th Ave., squawked dirty pool. He said the girl with the tournament schedule told him the night of May 24 that he was due to play a game at 10 p.m. on May 25. He showed up early at 8 p.m. that night, eager to improve his 1-1 record, and was told he had been due to play at 6 p.m. He was scratched.

"He should have read the schedule on the board," said Jansco. "Right here, it says when he was supposed to play," he said, pointing to a board about one-foot square sitting on a chair outside the tent. The pairings were printed in pencil, and could be read from about 18 inches away. Bausch said he hadn't been able to get close enough to read it and took the girl's word for the time of his match.

"She came up to Jansco and told him she had given me the wrong time, but he wouldn't listen to her," Bausch said.

Other players said one of the other forfeits was due to a pool player having a flat tire en route to Calder. He was said to have called to say he would be a little late but was scratched anyway.

A spokesman for the motel said the tent in the rear was arranged for the tournament because other events had been scheduled for its exhibition rooms.

The Holiday Inn agreed to act as co-sponsor, the spokesman said, thinking it would be good promotion and would attract business. Jansco promised he would have 50 guests for the hotel but it only got 17, according to the spokesman. He also promised, the spokesman said, that he would spend \$5,000 on advertising but only put up one sign, and that was in the motel. The motel itself spent \$60 for each of two tow-plane advertisements.

The spokesman said the motel insisted on Jansco putting up \$20,000 in escrow to protect the prize money interests of the 64 entrants, and the tournament was postponed until he came up with the money.

Jansco shook his head and said he was losing \$12,000 on the tournament. "Just be sure and spell my name right," he said.

Oh yes, Mike Sigel of Rochester, N.Y., won the eight-ball competition Sunday night and the overall championship. He left with \$5,000 in prize money. Jim Rempe of Scranton, Pa., won the nine-ball event and took \$3,000.

The Holiday Inn spokesman said this was probably the last — and only — time it would play host to the Miami Open Pool Tournament.

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Jimmy Cattrano Wins HOME POOL SALES DOWN Atlantic Coast 3-C Crown (There Ain't Much Happening to Help)

By Milt Goldring

A field of fifteen players gathered at Jacy's Billiard Academy, 96-42 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, N.Y. on June 4-5th to do battle in a three cushion billiard, A.B.A. sanctioned, tournament billed as the Atlantic Coast Championship. Entry fee was \$50.00, the house putting \$50.00 into the prize fund. Preliminary games went 35 pts., 1st and 2nd from three flights of five, into a six man round robin, final games to 50 pts.

From Flight A. came Jimmy Cattrano (4-0) and Dick Minnerly (3-1), from Flight B. Abel Calderon (3-1) and Murray Shapiro (3-1) and from Flight C. Vince Sbarbati (4-0) and Jose Diaz (2-2). Non-qualifiers included Nestor Garcia, Frank Edwards, Juan Rosenfried (A), Marvin Waldman, Barry Shaw and George Rippe (B), Louis Avila, George Ramos and Carlos Hallon (C).

The final bracket brought together the two players who were so far undefeated in

tournament play namely Jimmy Cattrano and Vince Sbarbati with overwhelming victories in all of their games.

Vince, brimming with confidence, was conceding nothing to the favorite, Cattrano. But in what turned out to be the most devastating exhibition of billiard making not seen in many a game, saw Jimmy explode with a 7, a 6, two 4's, three 3's and five 2's, scoring 40 pts. in 12 innings and winning in a 43 inning game, taking only forty minutes, 50-28. Vince sat in his chair shaking his head as if saying "why is this happening to me."

The final standing with their share of prize money were 1st Jimmy Cattrano, 40 percent and cue, donated by W. T. Mali, 2nd-Vince Sbarbati 25 percent, 3rd-Abel Calderon, 15 percent, 4th-Murray Shapiro, 10 percent, 5th-Jose Diaz, 5 percent and 6th-Dick Minnerly 5 percent. Credits for a well conducted tournament should be given to Tony Albano with assistance from Dino Cattrano.

From Sporting Goods Business

By Gerry L Ginsburg
Associate Editor

NEW YORK CITY — Billiard table sales were static last year and the same no-growth pattern may continue through this year. Recreation table and game sales, however, were up. But electronic television games curtailed a larger increase.

Consumers are afraid to commit money for large, non-essential purchases such as billiard tables, dealers report. In addition, with home building on the decline and the emphasis toward smaller homes, large tables have a smaller appeal.

People are generally interested in eight-foot slate tables in the \$600-\$800 range, ten leading retailers and suppliers told SPORTING GOODS BUSINESS. The era of the real low-end table is over, they say.

Some people have turned to recreation tables. Dealers and suppliers state three-in-one, home soccer and table tennis tables fared well in 1976.

Much interest was stirred

with Brunswick's entry into the home pinball market. The games sold, but were not generally profitable due to large price reductions before and after Christmas by Sears, which sold a similar model.

"Billiard sales were fair, not up to previous years," stated Wes Brandt, president, Brandt Billiards and Bowling, Miami. "Our cheaper tables (\$500-\$700) sold best this fall. Normally, our average table sale is \$1,000.

"Real plush table sales were down. The luxury market is off considerably," he said.

Many people didn't buy around Christmas, waiting instead for early '77 sales, contends Loyd Miles, president, Fort Worth Billiard Supply, Fort Worth, Texas. "Table sales have remained very steady," he said. "But not overwhelming, either."

Billiard business at Dave Cook's Sporting Goods, Denver is off approximately 25 percent, reported president Herb Cook. Best-selling tables are in the \$400-\$700 range. At Park's Sportsman, Orem, Utah, sales were down 60 percent, according to vice president Randy Park.

Fairly Stable Market

"Billiard tables really never have received large increases from year to year," stated Bob Ellentuck, president, Harrow's, Long Island, New York. "Sales stay pretty much constant."

"However, billiard sales will eventually die out because so few houses are being built now. With the influx of condominiums and apartments, table sales must suffer."

Some full-line stores are reporting billiard tables sales increases. "Our billiard business has increased 25 percent in the last three years," stated Phil Brown, vice president, Brown Supply Co., Peoria. For 1976, billiard table unit sales were up 10 percent and volume was boosted about 20 percent.

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Tom Kollins

tor alike. We've all tried bank shots on occasion. Sometimes we've done it out of necessity; other times, just to "show off".

You may have noticed that bank shots are attempted very infrequently in the game of straight pool. Since in straight pool you are permitted to shoot at any ball on the table, there is usually an easier alternative. But in games such as eight-ball or nine-ball, where you may only shoot at a certain ball or balls, the bank shot comes up quite often.

Generally speaking, cross table banks are easier than long banks. It is also true that the wider the angle, the greater is the degree of difficulty. Theoretically, the angle of reflection is equal to the angle of incidence. Therefore if you bisect the angle, or find the point on the rail that is half way between where you are and where you want to go, you should enjoy success. However, there are three other things that will affect the outcome of the shot. They are: (1) what kind of english you put on the cue ball;

Things Your Mother Never Told You

(2) how hard you hit it; and (3) where you hit the object ball.

First, bear in mind that the balls work like gears; if you put right english on the cue ball, it will impart left english to the object ball. If you use left english, the object ball will have some right. This english will, of course, change the angle of the ball as it comes off the rail.

Second, shooting hard shortens the angle. Slow rolling shots come off the rail wider.

The third item — where you hit the object ball — is determined by how you handle the first and second factors.

Knowing these things will do you no good unless you practice, and become familiar with the results. You can't read a book on how to play a musical instrument, then pick up the instrument and give a virtuoso performance.

Practice the bank shot, and you'll feel as though you're greeting an old friend, when it comes up in the game. Then shoot with confidence, and the ball will fly right into the hole. You can bank on it.

Connie Falkiewicz Head of American Snooker Council



Connie Falkiewicz of New York Athletic Club snooker group elected president of American Snooker Council getting piped aboard.

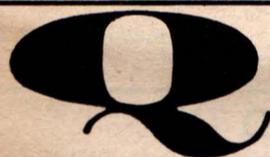
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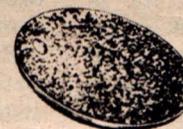
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What is it like to compete under these conditions? Jeanne answers:

"I had mixed emotions about playing her — I wanted to win, but I wanted to see Timi do well, too. So I played to win. But I think my husband (Gary) was more nervous than I was about the situation."

Timi's reaction: "I knew she would be my toughest match... but I was confident I could win."

Timi had additional competition at the state tournament in Pierre when she and Gov. Richard Kneip met in a challenge match. Gov. Kneip, who shoots a fair game, could



If any particular group in South Dakota has been instrumental in changing the women's image in pool it is the Bloomberg family of Rapid City. They are doing it more by action than words.

Timi Bloomberg recently won the state women's pool championship. At age 13, that achievement is enough to generate interest by itself.

There is more human interest to the story. Timi defeated her mother, Jeanne Bloomberg, in the championship game. Jeanne had won the state title in 1975. The rarity of a mother-daughter championship match only goes to stir more interest in the sport among the women.

drop in only two balls before Timi quickly ran the table.

But talk about family competition! Timi's 7-year-old sister, Gari Jo, already has tournament experience. Says Gari Jo: "Next year!"

This could mean the Bloomborgs will dominate women's pool shooting in South Dakota for a long time. The only suspense may be in predicting the champion: Jeanne, Timi or Gari Jo?

See Picture of Gari Jo... Page 27

Don't play with strangers!!!

In Los Angeles

Nation's Top 9-Ballers Compete

Sixteen of the world's finest professional pool players will converge upon Los Angeles for the second \$50,000 National Invitational. Nine-Ball Championship Tournament, scheduled July 6-10 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Sponsored jointly by the World Nine-Ball Association, based in El Toro, and the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles, the rich tournament will follow the format of the WNBA's successful inaugural competition staged last April in Orange County.

Harry McConnell, of Lake Forest, president of the World Nine-Ball Association, and Richard Florence, of Redondo Beach, WNBA executive vice president, said invitations are being issued to most of the billiard stars who competed in the organization's first major event, which was hailed by The National Billiard News as "a smashing success in every aspect."

The unprecedented \$15,000 first-prize purse in the initial tournament was won by world champion Jim Rempe, of Scranton, Pa., in a marathon finale against hometown favorite McConnell, and WNBA officials are confident that Rempe, who has won

more than 30 international titles in the past five years, will return to Los Angeles next month to defend his WNBA title.

Invitations also were mailed this week to the two other semi-finalists in the April tournament, Jim Mataya, of Las Vegas, and Wade (Billy Johnson) Crane, of Summiton, Ala.

Other touring WNBA professionals expected to return to Southern California for encore appearances include Mike Sigel and Larry Hubbard, both of Rochester, N.Y.; Danny DiLiberto, of Miami, Fla.; 'Champagne' Ed Kelly, of Las Vegas; Richie Ambrose, of Houston, Tex.; Cisero Murphy, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Louie Roberts, of St. Louis, Mo.; Paul Brienza, of Morristown, N.J.; and Terry Bell, of Texarkana, Tex.

Three veteran California champions of world-class stature will carry the local banner. In addition to McConnell and Florence, the host delegation is expected to include former international billiards monarch Lou Butera, of Canoga Park.

Along with the winner's \$15,000, a purse of \$9,000 awaits runnerup, with two

other semi-finalists splitting another \$9,000. Each invited pro will receive a minimum of \$1,000, regardless of finish.

Names of the top-flight contenders will be announced as their \$300 entry fees are accepted.

Preceding the four-day championship tournament will be a celebrity-studded pro-amateur competition scheduled Wednesday evening, July 6, in the Hyatt Regency's grand ballroom, with Beverly Hills stockbroker-sportsman Steve Sparks serving as host. Sparks was a member of the winning pro-am team in the April opener, teamed with actress Gail Fisher and pro Mike Sigel. In the finals they defeated orchestra leader Trini Lopez, pro Lou Butera and amateur Bob Falkenburg.

Other celebrities who competed in the WNBA inaugural were Greg Morris, star of "Mission Impossible"; Bob Hegyes, who portrays Epstein in "Welcome Back, Kotter"; comedian Jack Carter, and former pro football star Deacon Jones.

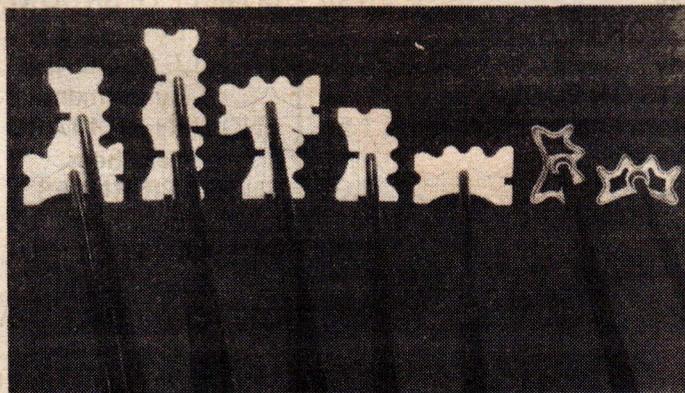
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George Fels' SEQUENCE

(ed. note: The good news is that George Fels has been commissioned by Contemporary Books to do a second book on pool, this one for beginners, to be published at the end of the year.. The bad news is that Mastering Pool, which we've been excerpting here, has been delayed by that publisher to mid-September. Here's another reprint from that book, and George wants it understood that the following is only a brief portion of the book's section on Sequence.)

SEQUENCE

By GEORGE FELLS

I know what you're thinking, as you sit there sullenly and watch a better player turn a crowded table into a desert: how come, when he's at the table, the object balls behave like boot-camp troopers and he has all those laughs to shoot at; and when it's my turn, the balls all turn to mutiny and begin bunching up like a baboon's behind during mating season?

Well, it's no accident. And it's not because the other guy is good to his mother, or because your moon (no offense) is in the wrong house, or anything like that.

What it is is that he understands sequence better than you. (But you and I are about to go to work on a nice surprise for him.) To the vast majority of those who sail the sea of billiards, Sequence is the siren Circe, with all kinds of sweet beckonings that lure your cue ball to its doom. (Not bad, huh?) You're not alone. Lots of players invest decades of their time in the game — yes, decades — without correctly solving all the mysteries of sequence.

There's a necessary bit of foreword, before we begin studying sequence: fourteen balls, each 2¼" in diameter, can occupy 40½ square feet of playing space (on a regulation table), in a considerable variety of patterns. I'm sure there is no pronounceable number that you can put to that.

So how can you learn straight-pool sequence out of a book, when the possibility exists that you may never encounter the same

situations? The answer is that pocket billiards, correctly played, not only presents recurring situations, but that is precisely the objective of the expert player: to reduce those infinite pattern options to that which is familiar and certain. Secondly, if you're following my advice and controlling, rather than murdering, your break shots, you're driving fewer balls out of the stack, and less far at that. So the possibility of keen similarity, if not actual duplication, certainly does exist, and we're going to talk at some length about how you take advantage of that.

Any game which depends on improvisation to the extent that pool does would seem to defy rules of thumb. Still, we'll begin with some generalities, and proceed to examine just how often those generalities apply.

I believe that the underlying concept of straight-pool sequence is that whenever possible — and those are two terribly important words — you should strive to do whatever's easiest.

Now that in itself represents a gross oversimplification. So let's take a closer look at the statement as it applies to straight pool, and what it really means.

1) It means that you don't hit the cue ball hard when you can accomplish the same objectives by hitting it soft. Most of what you've already read in these pages talks to that.

2) It means that you don't apply english to the cue ball when you can accomplish the same thing hitting center ball. Peter Margo of New Jersey, one of the game's premier players, even states the case geographically: "out East, we play center ball, and leave all the fancy english to the midwest players." I don't know how he documents that, but it's unarguable that the world's best straight pool is played in the East, so don't be a stubborn Midwesterner. I think the operative word in Margo's statement is fancy. English has its place in the game, but you employ it when it's functional, not because it's more aesthetically pleasing, or you're more comfortable hitting the ball that way, or (shudder) you took a guess.

3) It means that whenever possible (well, I told you they were important words), you don't move a second object ball that is already pocketable, after sinking the one you called. Think about that. It sounds elementary, but it has more to do with cutting the game's men from its boys than I can ever describe to you in words. Just watch the next pool game you see, and take note of how often the players scuttle their own ships by moving balls unnecessarily, whether by accident or not. Master the knack of not doing that, and I guarantee you that your game will improve by a conservative guess of 50 percent, likely even more. Please learn this.

4) It means that w.p., you don't choose cue-ball routes that require your driving or forcing the cue ball, as opposed to rolling it, someplace.

5) It means that w.p., you don't drive the cue ball to a rail when you can get it to an advantageous place without using a rail.

6) It means that w.p., you don't employ two-rail routes where a one-rail route will get the job done.

7) It means that w.p., you don't employ three-rail routes where two-rail (or, sometimes, one-rail) routes will do.

8) It means that w.p., you provide yourself with a second shot that you can count on as part of all your mid-rack break shots. This is the exact same principle as the Safety Valve pass in football.

9) It means that w.p., we position ourselves to shoot at balls on or near the rails early in our sequence. I have to be out-front enough to credit all the pool authors who preceded me for this point, too; it's mentioned in just about all the beginners' books. This time around, I want to give you the why behind that tip, and show you where it fits in the scheme of things.

Balls on or near the rails represent two potential sources of trouble: they may block routes which you need to move your cue ball efficiently; and they may also occupy areas into which you may need to drive more object balls on your

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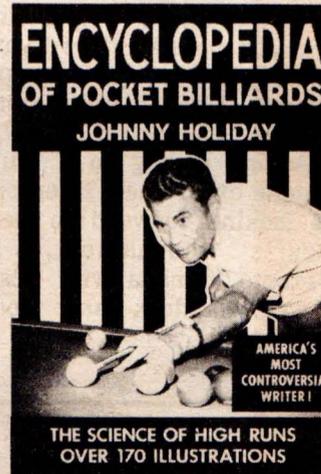
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heave-ho into it at the close of the lovely evening. The following evening we were taken again by chartered bus to Brian Tassaters home which was the opposite direction (south of London) from the Miller-Chevers. This country home was so far off the beaten path the bus couldn't get down the road. Situated on a wooded tract of land on a hill overlooking London it was a sight to behold. Maids were running around keeping everyone supplied with champagne. A hundred or so guests were present at both parties. After we had been at the Tassetars about two hours we began hearing bagpipe music. I thought the in-house sound system had been turned on, but it kept getting louder and closer. As I glanced out the window, here came four bagpipers complete with pipes and full dress down the driveway. They marched into the house and went from room to room entertaining the guests. After they had made the rounds we were instructed to follow the pipers and they would lead us to the food. So we filed out of the house behind the bagpipers and were led to a detached building down the hill which housed the snooker table. The covered table held enough food to feed the army of guests and still have plenty left over.

Two parties in two nights. We were already forgetting about the business at hand, the tournament.

The Eccentric Club, which so graciously hosted the meeting, under the sponsorship of Joe Coral, was being prepared for the coming week's events. The main dining room was being dismantled and moved to accommodate four snooker tables donated by Bruce Duncan of J. W. Bennett Company. These tables along with the three tables in the club's Billiard room would have well over 500 tournament games played on them over the next 5 days.

Here are the capsulized results:

Team Event

England	44 points
Canada	40 points
South Africa	33 points
Ireland	30 points
New York AC	29 points
Bermuda	27 points
United States	26 points
England II	23 points

Singles

1. Pascal Burke — Ireland
 2. Tony O'Beirne — Ireland
- Best Individual Performance**

Team Play

Noel Miller-Chevers — 14 wins

Herb Lehmann — 14 wins

Lehmann was declared the winner due to the fact he defeated Chevers in regular play.

Hi Break

1. Herb Lehmann 61
2. Tony O'Beirne 58
3. Eric Connelly 53

Saturday night brought the award banquet and trophy presentation. This was without a doubt one of the most rewarding parts of the week. Almost everyone took home something to cherish forever. Everyone who participated in the team event received silver medals as a memento of that event. All of the alternate players along with team players, received an etched goblet. There was a separate event for all the alternate players, so everyone had a chance to play, every day.



Tom Kollins with the best seat in the house.

Following the award portion of the program we were treated to a fine dance band, singing group and Charlie Smith, the number 3 man for England No. 1. The evening closed with everyone having a taste of champagne from Herb Lehmann's trophy.

A fine ending to a truly unique experience. Everyone is looking forward to next year's tournament, in Toronto, Canada with Hosts Terry Haddock and Doug McDonald.

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THE WINNERS

The team from England: Palmer on left, center is Noel-Miller-Cheevers, Bruan, Tassiter, Ronnie Carol's head and Mr. Scott, the new president of the Host Eccentric Club.



Herb Lehman flanked by two of England's rising stars Tony Mio and Jimmy White.



Commander Jim Rodhan, USNR and Tom Kollins survey the brass and silver trophy table.



Jim Hausman and Connie Falkiewicz of NYAC and newly elected head of American Snooker Council.

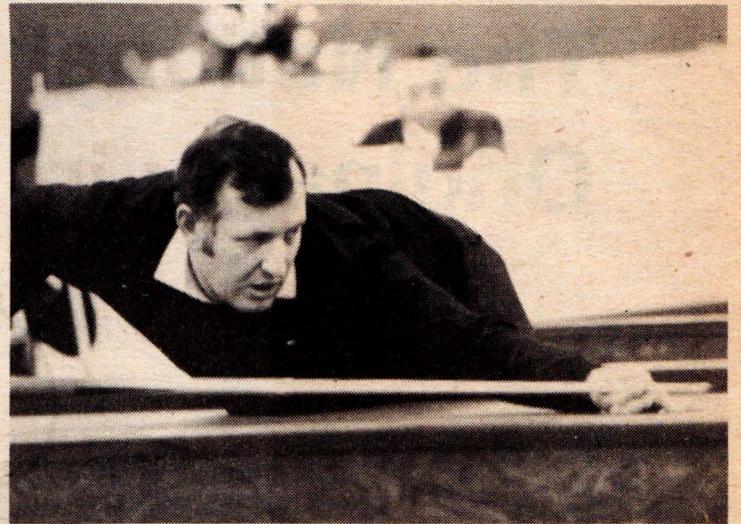
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J. Scherz, Australia finished 9th. '965 obviously full of great expectations.

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Ashby and Gilbert with Ed Courtney. Ed is the new president of B.F.U.S.A.

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This is the Crown Princess of Japan when she visited the tournament, all the Japanese bowed. The NBN was asked for copies of this photo since the locals could not take a picture.

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Y. Yoshihara, Japan 3rd place – 1.176.

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THE BROKEN CUE NEWS



5th Annual "The Molson" — Canada's Biggest Tourney

Canada's largest snooker tournament, "The Molson", has now started in Ottawa-Hull at the various Broken Cue Snooker Lounges. This is the 5th year for "The Molson", recognized throughout Canada as one of the major tournaments. Over \$2,500 is at stake. This is a 5 week tournament and is divided into 5 classes enabling players of all ability levels to compete; as well special competitions are held during this tournament to select the Ottawa High School Champion as well as the Ottawa ladies champion.

The invitational Class, sponsored by Molson and with \$1,000 up for grabs features the Canadian "Amateur" Snooker Champion Robert Paquette of Montreal. He is also the present Molson Champion and has held the title for 3 years in a row. This year Robert will be leading an eleven player group from Montreal. This is the largest group ever from Montreal with some of Canada's best players such as "Atomic" Eddie Agha and Tino Malo.

From Prescott we'll see Stan Holden, ranked in the top ten in Canada. Ottawa will be strongly represented by Kevin Robitaille, Ervin Budge, Andre Goyette, Tony (Canada Fats) Lemay as well as other top players.

The A Class or Regent Vending flight will also offer to the public some outstanding play with players such as Gerry Raymond and Ron Cannon.

The C section sponsored by the Broken Cue Billiard Supply will have the most entries with over 60 local players competing.

The D section is interesting because for the first time several players from surrounding towns have entered, coming in many evenings during the week.

Matches in the A, B, C, and D sections are presently being played evenings in all the Broken Cues in Ottawa, Hull and Aymer.

The finals for the Invitational, Ladies and High School Championships will be held at the R.A. Center, Ottawa.

Snooker Team Chosen

In October, Canada's first International Snooker Team will go to the British Isles to compete against Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man, England and Wales. Final arrangements are being made.

The players selected are: **Robert Paquette**, of Montreal; **Bernie Mikkelsen**, of

Calgary; **Gord Jennings**, of Toronto; **John Jorgenson**, of Calgary, and **Gerry Kapchinsky** of Vancouver. Each player must provide his own transportation to the British Isles, which could possibly mean that one or two players might have to drop out, a circumstance which would be unfortunate, if unavoidable.

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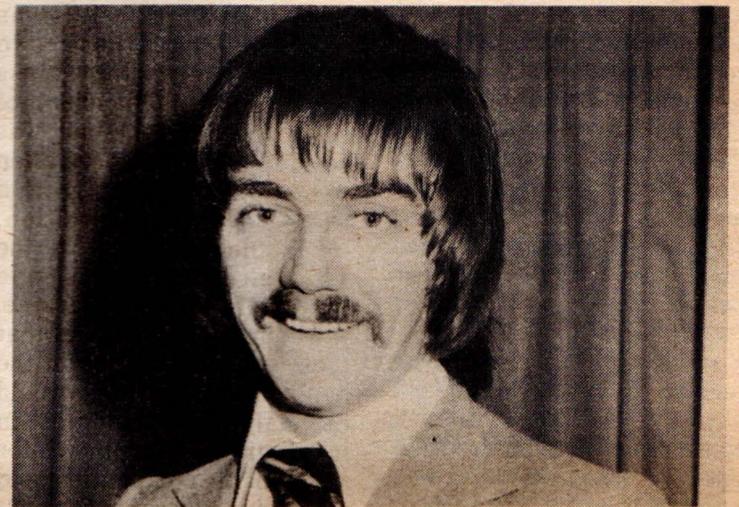
Cliff Thorburn, the Canadian Snooker Champion upset the experts and advanced to the finals in the World Professional Snooker Championships held in Sheffield, England. Although Cliff was not seeded (due to his early loss to Alex Higgins 15-14 last year) he was highly regarded by the Canadian experts. In fact, after defeating Eddie Charlton, the Australian champ, 13-12 we felt he would go on to win the championship.

His achievement of advancing to the finals only to lose to John Spencer 25-21 cannot be under rated. No Canadian has ever advanced this far in the past. At his young age of 31 he now represents a most serious threat to Britain's domination of the game.

Due to administrative problems, Bill Werbeniuk, Canada's other top professional, was unable to enter the championships this year leaving Cliff Thorburn as Canada's only entry. His performances, considering the quick adaptation required by Canadian players to English conditions, is quite remarkable.

John Spencer defeated Cliff 25 games to 21 in the finals to capture the treasured championship for the third time. On his way to the championships John upset the reigning champion, Ray Reardon, 13 games to 6. It's understood that Ray just couldn't get started. In this type of tournament (straight knock out) this means no second chance, so a player must be on his game and stay on for the 3 week duration of the tournament.

This year, 8 players were seeded with another 17 competing for the 8 open positions. The preliminary rounds featuring these 17 players was held at the Hounslou Civic Centre. John Virgo, well known to the Canadian fans, started off against Roy Andrewatha, the



Cliff Thorburn, Canadian Snooker Champion. Best showing of any Canadian in history.

likeable Merseyside player. Both John and Roy are now professional and have entered the professional ranks with excellent amateur records. Roy's game was off while John's was on and a win of 11-1 for John eliminated Roy. Virgo then met John Dunning the popular Yorkshire champion. Virgo won 11-6 and advanced to the 16's, the tournament proper. Willie Thorne, the youngest professional at 22, defeated

Bernard Bennett. Patsy Fagan eliminated Jimmy Weadowcraft to advance against Ray Reardon. David Taylor defeated David Greaves. Doug Mountjoy, the recently crowned World Amateur Champion bested Jack Rea, the most entertaining player, in the professional ranks. John Pulman, although 10 times the World Champion (1956-

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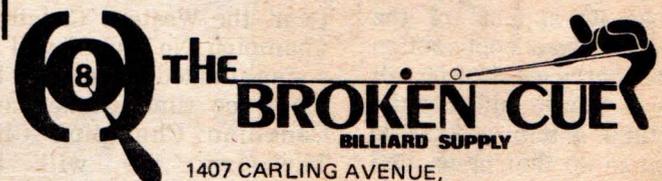
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Thorburn 2nd in World Snooker

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1968), was unseeded and thought by many to be off his game recently, easily defeated Maurice Perkins, a little known professional. Jack Karmel was beaten by Dennis Taylor. In the final preliminary round, Cliff Thorburn eliminated Chris Ross, the English Amateur Champion.

The 8 seeded players were Ray Reardon, John Spencer, Graham Miles, Fred Davis, Eddie Charlton, Rex Williams, Perrie Mans, and Alex Higgins. In the first round, 4 seeds in the persons of Davis, Williams, Mans and Higgins were knocked out. Probably the best match of this round was Doug Mountjoy's 13-12 upset of Alex Higgins. Higgins had reached the finals the previous year before losing to Champion Reardon.

In the next round (the eights), 3 more seeds were eliminated: World Champion Reardon lost 13-6 to John Spencer. Graham Miles was upset 13-10 by surprising John Pullman.

Cliff Thorburn in a long gruelling match narrowly defeated Eddie Charlton 13-12 and Dennis Taylor over Doug Mountjoy, 13-11.

In the semi-finals both Spencer and Thorburn won by 18-16 scores. In the finals the lead sawed back and forth with Thorburn going out front by a 15-13 score before Thorburn, worn down by playing morning, afternoon and evening without a break between the semi-finals and finals, started to miss. Spencer took a 21-18 lead and then went on to win 25-21. Along with the championship John earned \$11,000 and Cliff received \$3,600 for his second place finish.

We offer our sincere congratulations to both of these fine players.

Broken Cue Pot Shot

Snooker championship matches for the Canadian title will be held in Ottawa, September 19th thru September 24th. We are feeling free with Pepsi Cola because that great company has agreed to increase its support of the prize fund. Their contribution will be increased \$500.00, all of which will be added to the prize fund. A total of \$4200.00 will make up that prize fund in addition to the custom made 2 piece cues and cases contributed by Dufferin Cue.

READER RESPONSE:

Watch That Ball— It Just So Happens A Word to the Wise?

Dear Doug,

Having read your article on "Super Crystalite", as opposed to the use of Vitalite balls, I would like to make the points evident to your players.

During the World Championships in Johannesburg, last October, I saw two of your leading players, Bernie Mikkelson, and Robert Paquette, often in action, and as you know I actually played Robert. Whilst it was apparent that these two players were top class competitors, the handicap of using the different ball was painfully obvious, more often than not, from being in a match winning position, found their cue ball in the middle of nowhere, and eventually losing the frame.

It is my humble belief that these two players, but for the handicap of the ball, would certainly have qualified in their groups for the later stages of the competition, and to achieve success in the next World Championships in Malta, your two nominated players should start using the Super Crystalite ball now.

This move could pay very large dividends, and result in your country supplying the next World Champion.

Very Best Wishes,
John Parker
South Wales

Broken Cue Pot Shots

Send Them in . . .

Don't Keep It A Secret

Montreal area has already held their tournament to choose their top 4 players. They are the Canadian Amateur Champion Robert Paquette, one of Canada's top ten players Tino Malo, Canada's first perfect game player, Leo Levitt and for the first time our university professor, Paul Meaney.

The eligible contestant from British Columbia is Jim Bear, the Western Canadian Champion. No doubt it will be a star-studded tourney led by the three time winner and Canadian Champion Cliff Thorburn. We will be presenting more of the regional playdown winners next month.

To the Editor:

"Congratulations to John Spencer on winning the Embassy World Professional Snooker Title. Bravo to Canada's Cliff Thorburn on an excellent performance to capture second place. In February we suggested to John Spencer that he was handicapping himself by playing with a cue that was in very poor condition. He picked one of our two piece "title" cues from stock and shortly thereafter he regained the world title. Coincidentally we had just manufactured a custom "title" cue for Cliff Thorburn prior to his departure for England. It is a distinct pleasure for us to see two great snooker players perform so well with virtually new cues. We are looking forward again to greeting many of the great competitors in August at Toronto's C.N.E. Tournament.

Al and Betty Selinger,
Dufferin Cue,
Toronto, Canada

Doug, I thought you might be interested in the above for the Broken Cue News. It is rather unique that the two players each with a "brand new Dufferin Title Cue" advanced right through to the World Finals. As you know in the past virtually all players had to have a very old one piece cue. Joe Davis exclaimed that he didn't think he would ever see the day when a player with a two-piece cue would advance to the finals.

Al P. Selinger

Pepsi to Sponsor Maritime Snooker

We are extremely pleased to be able to report that, the Broken Cue Organization was successful in its efforts to gain a major national supporter, in the "person" of the Pepsi Cola Company, to sponsor the Maritimes Snooker Championships.

The prize money of \$750 will be divided with \$450 going to the winner and \$300 to the runner-up. This will enable them to compete in the Pepsi Cola Canadian Championships to be held in Ottawa from September 19th to the 24th.

Dick MacDonald, the general manager of the Maritimes Broken Cue, is pleased to report that Kedy's Motel has volunteered to provide that site for the championships free of charge. We would like to thank Bill Masterton for his support in this regard. It is extremely refreshing to see the tremendous support the

people of Truro, Nova Scotia, are giving to this great game of snooker.

The Pepsi Cola Maritime Snooker Championships will be held starting Thursday September 8 at 12:00 noon and finish September 10 Saturday night. 8 players from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and New Foundland will compete in this even to be held at Keddy's Motel.

We would also like to thank personally some of Pepsi Cola's executives for the tremendous support given to the sport of snooker in both the Maritimes and eastern Ontario. There is Harry Treffkorn from Ottawa who has helped us so much, Ken Carlsen the Ottawa manager, Heinz Buchbinder and eastern Canada national accounts manager from Montreal and finally Claude Nobert head of national accounts for Pepsi Cola. Thank you one and all.



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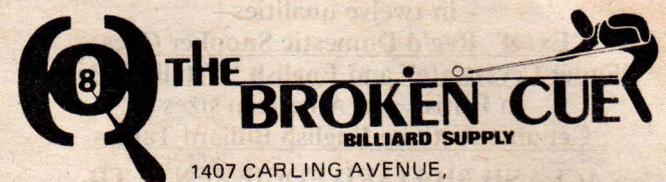
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Pool Sales Down

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however, it only displays a few. "We're selling a lot of tables from pictures," he stated. "We have display boards on top of tables with pictures of other tables we carry and their features. We do the same thing with recreational tables.

"Space is at a premium in malls, so we can't show everything. These boards which are supplemented with sales brochures, help us sell."

Suppliers contacted by SGB also saw flat billiard table sales gains in 1976. "The market was static last year," said Bill Barry, national sales manager, Fischer Mfg. Co. "We found higher-priced, better quality tables were selling. Probably the key price point was \$699."

He added "prices will stay down in 1977. We've gotten over the hurdles of tremendous start-up costs for the pinball games. This will make us competitive in the years to come." The newer games, he said, would be higher-priced with different features.

One dealer mentioned he sold used commercial pinball machines for \$495-\$795. The best sellers were in the \$500-\$600 bracket.

Air Hockey sales slumped, generally in 1976, after enjoying a spectacular 1975 season. "Air Hockey and other recreational games were down this season," stated Harrow's Ellentuck. "We had anticipated a large increase, but sales fell off 30-40 percent. I'm sure electronic TV games cut into that business."

Combo Tables Take Off.

Combination table games are "taking off" according to Briarwood's Kendall. "We went up about 40 percent in units in 1976. That's another reflection of limited space people have for game rooms. It's also a multi-use product (billiard game, poker table and dining room table). Items like that are the way to go in the future."

Home soccer table sales were good. "The last six months of the year were our best ever," stated Murrey & Sons' Murrey. "And, those sales were mainly to our billiard dealers."

What's going to happen this year? None of the retailers or suppliers contacted feel the billiard market is changing much. "People are holding back on large purchases," stated Banks Conner, executive vice president, CMT Sporting Goods, Roan-

George Fel's Sequence

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subsequent break shots. In that case, you only end up creating more mini-clusters along the rail, causing you to interrupt the sequence you originally planned and execute more break shots. Remember, the fewer times your cue ball is required to move secondary balls, the better for you.

Don't worry about remembering all this. Nor will you have to carry my book around the table with you as though it were some kind of pilots' checklist. Take my word for it, experience

and confidence will eventually cause all these considerations to come to you spontaneously, and in milliseconds. While you're still learning to put these concepts to work, your play might slow up some; but once you see that these are really the things you need to know, they'll automatically become part of your game.

Now, as to all those "Whenever Possibles": what makes the game of pool so intriguing and infinite is the frequency with which it will deny you the chance to take those simplifying steps. You will be forced to violate

every single one of w.p.'s 1 through 9, and plenty of times, too. When you are required to do that, your success will depend on how much control you can retain over all the variables that confront you at that point.

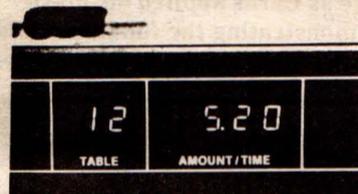
What the very maximum in control will do for you is that it will let you resume your simplifying process at the earliest opportunity. What you never want to do, in this or any pool game, is guess. I've said it before: the player who obtains the most certainties for himself is the player who figures to win.

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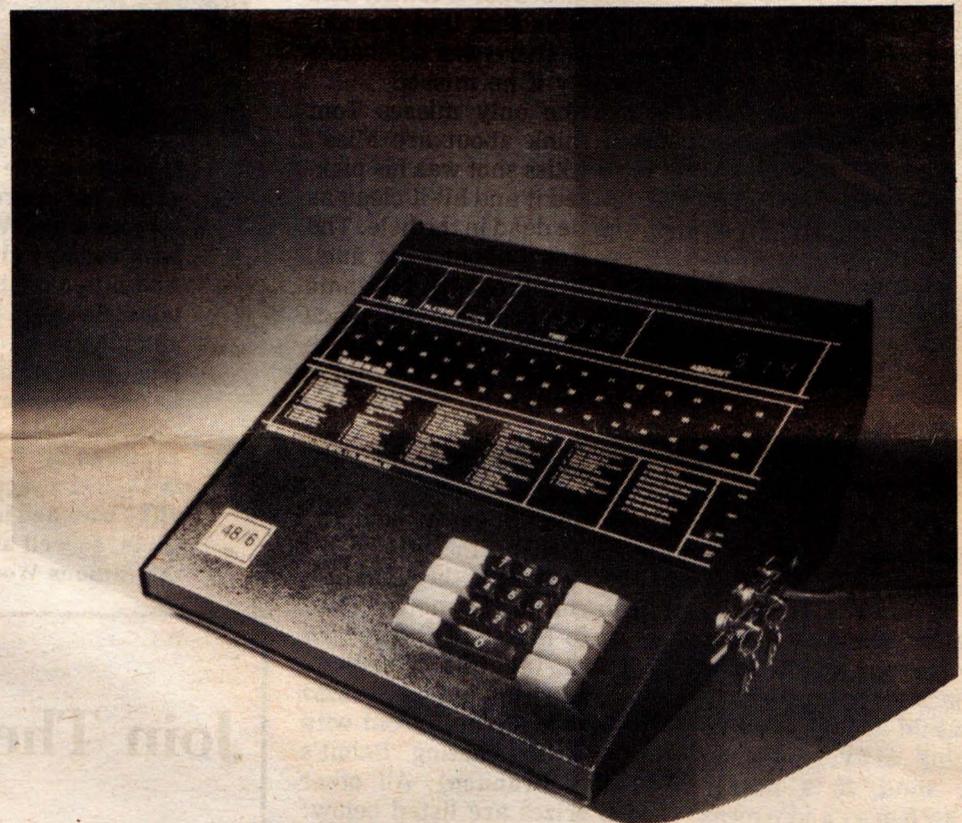
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Tom Spencer Gets Dayton Spot

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Then Spencer was at the table running 16 balls, when after a shot near the rack, the cue ball went two rails and then flying down near the head end corner pocket. As Tom saw the path it was on, he noticed a piece of chalk on the table bed, right by the cushion and right in the cue ball's path. He instinctively tried to remove it, but he wasn't able to, and the cue ball hit the chalk fast and dead center, dying almost on the spot.

Referee Paul Hartmann got a little pale, but was sufficiently composed to make what Page (the final authority) and the consensus of hardcore buffs agreed was the right decision: it was a foul on Spencer. (The "governing body's" rulebook is of little help in such instances.)

But even this apparent hardship was ultimately to turn in Spencer's favor; the cue ball position left next to nothing. So, with Spencer on the first foul, Varner took one himself and left the cue ball there.

Well, Tom is no conservative at the table, to put it mildly. And having the first foul, he apparently found the decision easy to make: he'd shoot a table-length rail-first kick on the deuce — a shot requiring a perfect hit after putting a bend on the ball from a jacked-up position. In golf, it would be a hole-in-one on an uphill, 312-yard dogleg, into the wind, to a hidden green with leaves and acorns all over it. He knocked it dead in.

That should have been an omen. But much later, when Varner was seemingly going out, and had freed enough balls to do so, it certainly seemed over for Spencer.

EXCEPT: on his 149th ball, he apparently eased up on his stroke and instead of pulling back for one of a couple of loose balls, he just lobbed off the rail and laid up against the side of the cluster — and had nothing.

I think Spencer broke West's record for getting out

of the chair (he needed only 12 if he would get another chance). And sure enough, Varner played safe; Tom then came up with a couple of really fine shots and was started.

He fought his way to 148-149, and then in almost the same situation as Varner's, he did almost the exact same thing on the opposite side of the rack. He made 149 and rolled up almost against a ball. There was little if anything there, and the place was going up for grabs.

His choices were an incredibly tough 5-ball that might well have left Varner safe if it were missed, or a touchy and tricky kiss shot that was do-or-die — there was no chance of safety if he missed.

But the only misses Tom must think about are Miss', and the kiss shot was his pick. He called it and hit it clean as a whistle dead in the hole. The local crowd about went nuts.

It was a great 150-149 game for everybody in the place except Nick Varner. But with Nick's fine game, I think you'll be pretty darn sure to see him in Dayton; they won't all slip away from him like this one.

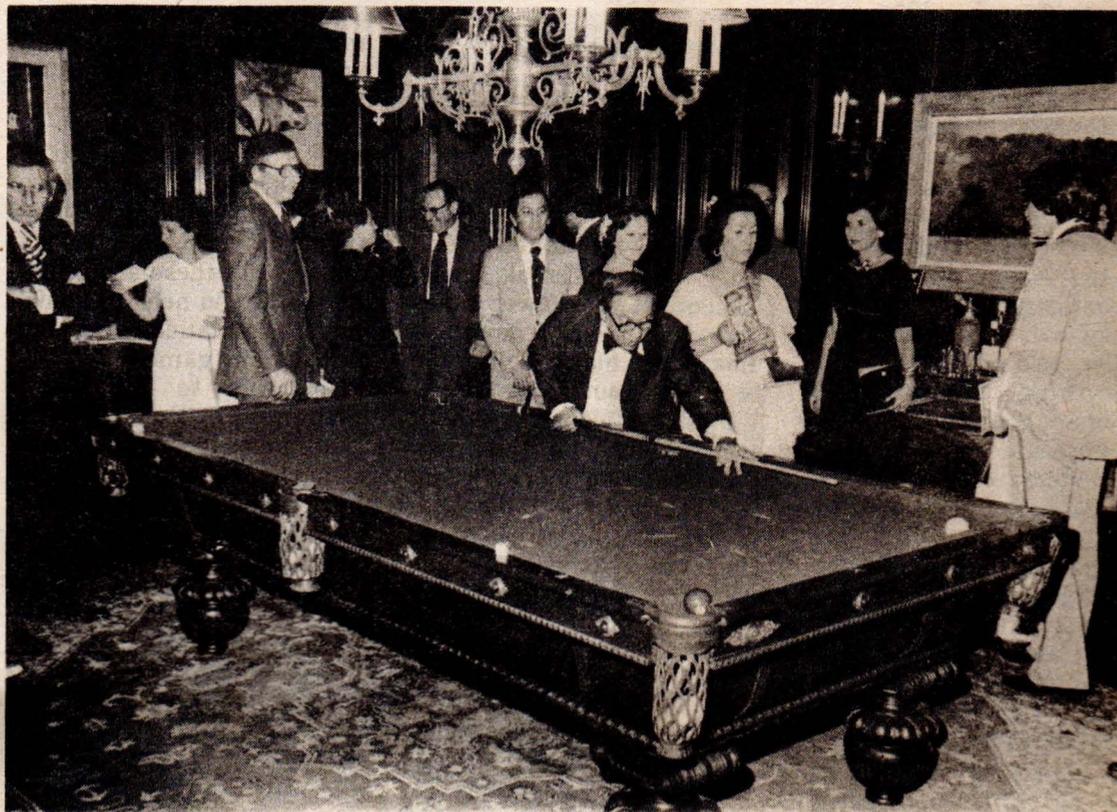
So Tom Spencer gets the U.S. Open berth (it'll be his third year in the classic). High run in the money (\$25) went to Marshall Boelter for his 102 (against Vanover), and high run out (also \$25) was taken by Jeff Mohl with his 87 (in beating Beloit's Johnny Brannon). All other cash prizes are listed below:

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| 2. Nick Varner | 400 |
| 3. Wendell Weir | 200 |
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| 8. Marshall Boelter | 75 |

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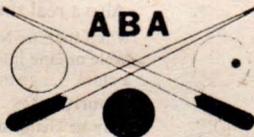
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machine.

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WNBA Competes

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now available at the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles and WNBA headquarters in El Toro, and shortly will go on sale at Ticketron agencies. Advance tickets may be purchased for any or all of the eight championship tournament sessions, as well as the celebrity pro-am. Championship semi-finals are scheduled Sunday afternoon, July 10, with the title match pitting the afternoon survivors in a best-two-of-three finals starting at 7:30 p.m.

Los Angeles is the second stop in the WNBA professional circuit, following the April inaugural which played to standing-room-only crowds at The Registry Hotel in Irvine. Other tournament dates this year have been scheduled for Houston and Las Vegas, with others being negotiated. At year's end the world's best nine-ball player, determined by point standings in the sanctioned tournaments, will receive bonus prizes.

Nine-ball competition, considered to be the most challenging and exciting variation of pocket billiards, is beginning to enjoy a nationwide surge in popularity. Sponsors expect several of the tournaments to be televised

—TOURNAMENT CALENDAR—

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July 5-10
Gordo's Parlour Salon & Billiards
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July 16-17
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Rockford, Illinois
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July 21-24
8-Ball Lounge
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July 23-24
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July 30-31
Chalk & Cue
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August 13-14
The Billiard Ball
South Bend, Indiana
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August 19-21
Rack 'N Cue
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August 27-28
Cue-Nique Billiards
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July 26-30
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August 6-7
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Sept. 2-3-4
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Aug 19-20-21
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Aug 22-23-24
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Aug. 26-27-28
Pacific Coast Open
Tiff's Billiards
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September ?
Silver Cue
Monroe, Mich.

November 26-27
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Pool Sales Down

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oke, Virginia. "They're shopping more conservatively than in the past."

"Game tables will continue to be strong in 1977," stated Fischer's Barry. Fischer is coming off its best year ever in that category. He also sees a "6-12 percent increase in billiard tables this year."

One reason that billiard sales have stayed up during a soft economy is that prices have basically been held constant. "The billiards market is lucky because there have been minimal price increases," stated Briarwood's Kendall. "Slate prices are down if suppliers' contracts were paid in Italian lira. This is due to devaluation. This has compensated for other price increases."

"The trend is definitely going away from low-end tables," commented Pete Murrey, sales manager, Murrey & Sons. "The public recognizes slate as the only true playfield for billiards that will last."

"There is a tapering off tendency now. The number of tables sold next year nationwide will be less than this year. Department store and mass merchandiser sales have fallen way off. Many now don't carry them."

There was no unit sales increase at Briarwood Div. of Brunswick Corp. in 1976 either. "Rooms are getting smaller and homes are getting more expensive," stated Steve Kendall, product manager. "Housing is in a depression. The average home purchased in 1976 required a \$20,000 income, according to Commerce Department figures. This will mean billiards, at best, will be a declining market."

One thing billiards dealers can do to offset this trend according to Fort Worth Billiards' Miles is stress service. "Repair and service business, which is very profitable, should be stressed now. Dealers can go to existing owners to get this business," Miles stated.

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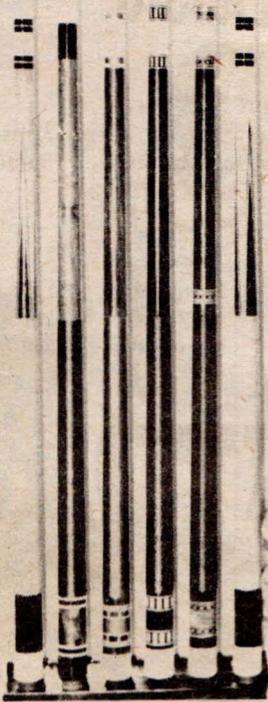
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She lost her sixth match to Ashby and her last match to Mike Donnelly.

The final standings were:

	Wins	Losses	Points
1—ASHBY	5	2	273
2—CAMPOS	4	3	257
3—MARTIN	4	3	250
4—DONNELLY, SR.	4	3	248
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6—AMEEN	3	4	251
7—BRANDES	3	4	225
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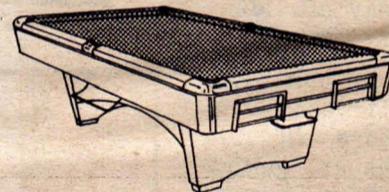
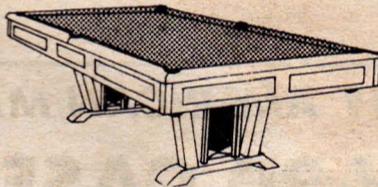
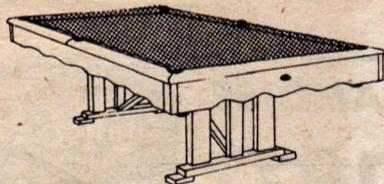
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Prince Takeda and wife with Ray Abrams at reception at end of tournament. Co-publisher Abrams is known as the Duke of Oak Park, Mich.

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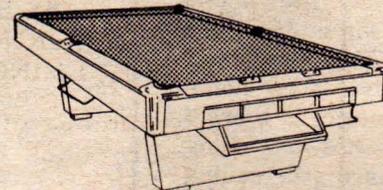
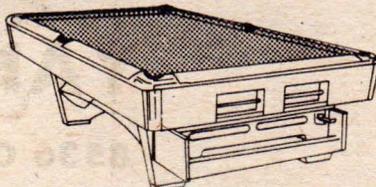
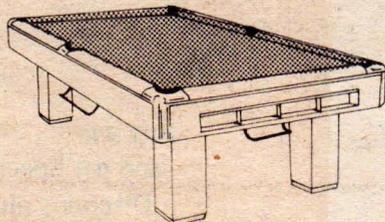
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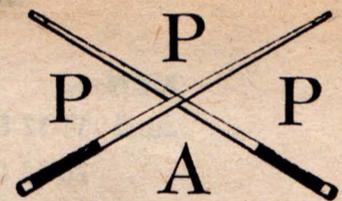




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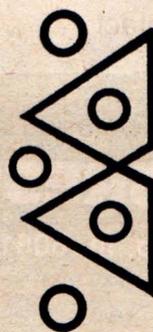
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Kentucky U. Wins College 3-Rail

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Tech by the slim margin of 9-7. Total billiards during the see-saw battle was 298-261.

Almost as important as the outcome of the match, according to Coach Heath, was what the match indicated for the future of intercollegiate billiards in the South. "Stan Hardy (Georgia Tech coach and professional tournament player) staged a remarkable match both from the standpoint of attendance and publicity," said Heath. "We even had television news coverage by the NBC affiliate in Atlanta."

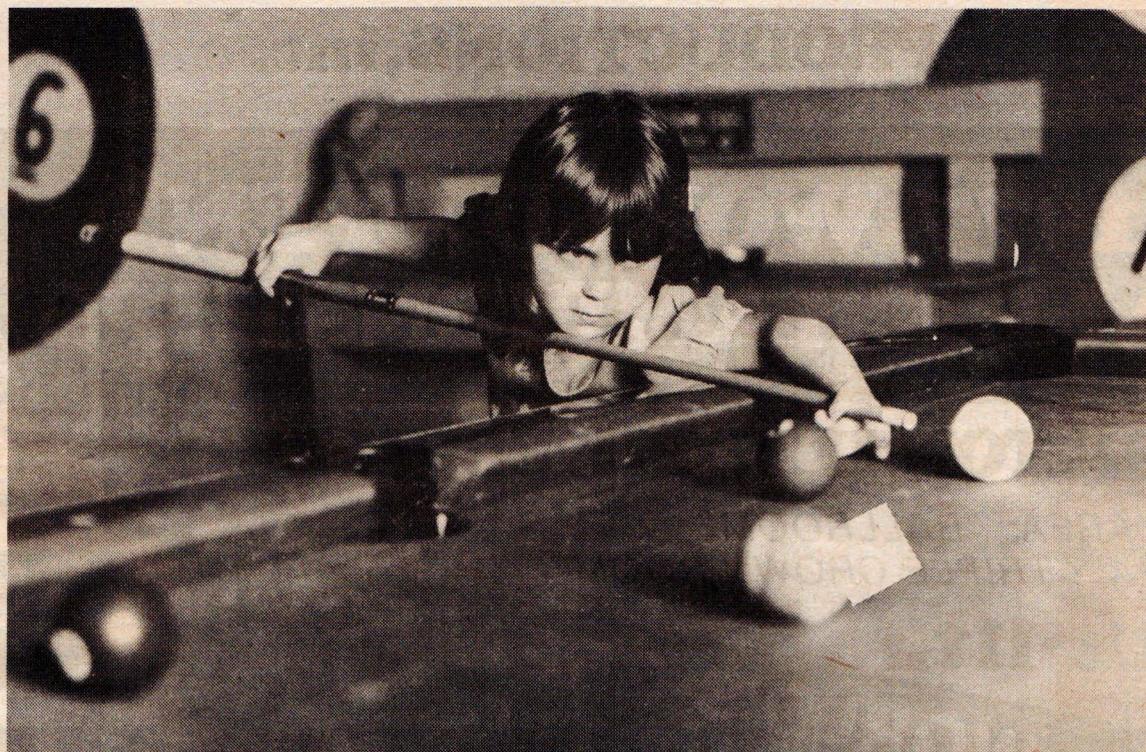
Heath feels that the return of billiards to colleges and universities in the South is imminent. "When a gallery of spectators applaud for precise billiard execution and runs of five and six on the college level, then you've got to conclude that billiards is on its way back on Southern campuses."

First year success has at least established billiards at Kentucky which is already looking to expand its schedule for next year. "We're really interested in matches against some of the Big Ten schools like Purdue, Indiana and Ohio State or other Midwestern schools," Heath says.

This year's first edition of the Wildcats was led by Ray Guffey, 13-4; Ted Davis 12-5; Wi Wat, 9-3; and Jeff Bralley, 11-6. Pat Joseph and Youn Lee posted 4-1, 2-3 records respectively.

Anyone interested in scheduling a match should write Jim Heath, University of Kentucky Student Center, Director's Office, Lexington Ky. 40506.

Would You Believe It, 7 Years Old?



Gari Jo Bloomberg, age 7, shows form of future champion. Sister Timi is South Dakota champion after defeating mother.

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Timi Bloomberg, 13 year old Rapid City 8th grader dazzled the gallery, and particularly her opponents, with a display of skill and coolness, as she displayed the confidence of a true professional, when she went on to win the Womens South Dakota State Pool Tournament held in Pierre, South Dakota, April 23rd and 24th. Probably the most ironic part of the tournament was that she met her mother, Jeanne

Bloomberg (the 1975 State Champion), in the finals for the coveted title. In a T.V. interview following Timi's victory, asked how she felt about playing against her mother in the finals, she replied, "I knew she would probably be my toughest match, but knowing her game plan, I was confident I could win. My luck is next year I'll probably have to play my little sister, Gari Jo, who is getting pretty tough to beat already, and she is only 7 years old." Jeanne's remarks were simply those of mixed emotions.

To add to the air of excitement and prestige of the tournament was the talents of Dick Spitzer, Rapid City, who took top honors in the Mens A Division. Spitzer, 25 years old, determined to establish himself in the ranks with the country's top players, has already gained the respect and admiration of the players wherever he appears. Dick has taken top honors in the last three tournaments he has entered in the last six weeks, the 9-Ball Open at Corner Pocket, Rapid City, South Dakota, and the 5 State Open at Omaha, Nebraska, which brought qualifiers from South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

This article could hardly be concluded without a "HATS OFF" summary. I'm referring to Ab Taylor and Earl Gensler. When Ab Taylor, a long-time resident of Rapid City, enters a billiard room, he adds an air of profes-

sionalism, not only in his ability to play extremely well, but the prestigious manner in which he conducts himself.

Gary Bloomberg, president of the newly-formed South Dakota Pool Players Association, has been informed that Timi and Spitzer have been invited to play in the qualifying rounds of the World Tournament, which is sanctioned by the Billiard Congress of America.

Olla Wins First Wisconsin

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porarily fell off his normally sharp, popping stroke game and pushed a few shots; it cost him 2 out of 3 racks before he snapped back to normal form with a nice rack run to take his 10th game.

Then Pawelski showed his heart by taking two fine racks to trail 7-10. But Olla got in during rack No. 18, and after missing a tough 8-ball, left Pawelski equally tough. Pawelski's good effort jawed and Olla had the championship in his pocket — where this one deserved to be.

The finish and prize money, with qualifying points in parentheses:

1. C. Olla	\$250	(17)
2. G. Pawelski	140	(13)
3. W. Munson	70	(10)
4. J. Spoerl	40	(8)
5. J. Brannon	25	(6)
6. E. Mathis	25	(6)
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